

# THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF MILLIS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending February 24, 1894.



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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1893-94.

SELECTMEN.

ADIN P. BLAKE, HENRY L. MILLIS, MOSES C. ADAMS.

TOWN CLERK.

LOUIS LA CROIX.

. ASSESSORS.

FRED H. HOLLAND.

JOSEPH W. FARWELL,

GEO. C. THRASHER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

HORATIO JONES, THOMAS HARDING, ADIN P. BLAKE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. WARREN CLARK, TERM EXPIRES 1894.
HENRY F. LANE, TERM EXPIRES 1895.
EVAN F. RICHARDSON, TERM EXPIRES 1896.

TREASURER.

\*CHARLES G. BRACKETT,

†OSGOOD T. DEAN.

COLLECTOR.

GEO. C. THRASHER.

\*Resigned. †Appointed.

CONSTABLES.

J. CLARENCE THORNE,

JOHN H. INGRAHAM,

ALBERT R. DANIELS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

MOSES RICHARDSON, PUTNAM CLARK, FRANK E. COOK.

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY.

H. L. MILLIS, 1896, A. L. HOLLANDER, 1896,

O. T. DEAN, 1895. E. O. JAMESON, 1895.

GEO. H. CLARK, 1894,

MRS. HELEN E. VAN KLEECK, 1894.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

J. S. FOLSOM 1895,

C. B. RUSS, 1894.

AUDITOR.

EDWARD J. STEWART.

Appointed by the Selectmen.

FIRE ENGINEERS AND FOREST WARDS.

J. S. ADAMS, Chief, J. W. FARWELL, Clerk, GEO. R. HILL,

CHARLES LA CROIX,

J. H. INGRAHAM.

SPECIAL POLICE.

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J. C. THORNE, A. R. DANIELS, CHAS. J. ROBERTS, GEO. H. CLARK, WM. H. THORNE, J. W. FARWELL.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

CHARLES LA CROIX, OSGOOD T. DEAN,

F. SWARMAN. E. N. CLARK.

#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY E. HOSMER (resigned.) O. T. DEAN.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE. MOSES C. ADAMS.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

GEO. C. THRASHER, LEMUEL CLARK, G. S. HOSLEY.

UNDERTAKER. EVAN F. RICHARDSON.

# THE RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN MEETINGS OF THE NINTH MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1893-94.

THE FIRST TOWN MEETING, APRIL 10, 1893.

#### TOWN WARRANT.

# Commonwealth of Massachusette.

Norfolk, ss.

To Jeremiah H. Shannon, Constable of the Town of Millis.

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Millis qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at vestry of the Congregational thurch in said Millis, on Monday, the tenth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator of said meeting.

Unanimously elected, Ephraim O. Jameson as Moderator, and he qualified before the town clerk.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the various town officers and committees.

Voted to accept the report of the selectmen for the past year.

Voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Voted to accept the remaining reports in the advance printed report.

ART. 3. To choose a clerk and treasurer, board of selectmen, board of assessors, board of overseers of the poor, collector of taxes, constables, auditor, and one member of the school committee for three years, one member of the park commission, two trustees of the public library for three years, also to choose all other town officers.

Moderator appointed Geo. F. Holbrook and Augustus L. Ware, Geo. H. Roberts and Geo. H. Clark as tellers to assist in receiving and counting the votes; they qualified before the town clerk.

The polls were closed at 2.10 o'clock P. M. Ballot box register and number of names checked on list of voters corresponded with the number of ballots found in box, 202.

The ballots were sorted, counted and declared and were as follows:

For Town Clery	₹ :	
	Louis La Croix,	109
	Geo. C. Thrasher,	89
Selectmen:		
	Henry L. Millis,	134
	Willard P. Clark,	93
	Moses C. Adams,	99
	James H. Haines,	2
	Louis La Croix,	94
	Adin P. Blake,	167
	George A. F. Kingham,	3
Assessors:		
	Joseph W. Farwell,	100
	George C. Thrasher,	99
	James H. Haines,	93
	Moses C. Adams,	17
	Fred H. Holland,	132
	John M. Crane,	76
	Willard P. Clark,	67
Overseers of the	Poor:	
	Thomas Harding,	179
	James H. Haines,	66,
	Evan F. Richardson,	1
	Horatio Jones,	180
	Adin P. Blake,	117

School Committe	tee :	
	Evan F. Richardson, E. O. Jameson,	201
Treasurer:	~ Jameson,	I
	Charles C D	
	Charles G. Brackett,	102
	Evan F. Richardson,	92
Collector:	Louis La Croix,	2
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Constables:	Geo. C. Thrasher,	191
constautes;		
	Jeremiah H. Shannon,	198
	J. Clarence Thorne,	198
	Albert R. Daniels,	168
Fence Viewers:	John H. Ingraham,	198
	Moses Richardson,	
	Putnam R. Clark,	105
	Frank E. Cook,	106
	Osgood T. Dean,	106
	Jonathan C. Standley,	26
	Charles La Croix,	93
	James P. Spencer,	66
Trustees of Public	Library, 3 years:	92
if a more	Library, 3 years:	
	Henry L. Millis,	196
	Alva L. Hollander,	103
	Louis La Croix,	78
	Osgood T. Dean, for 2 years	196
	Fred W. Watson, for 1 year	92
Prot C	Geo. H. Clark, for 1 year	105
Park Commissioner		
	John S. Folsom,	195
Auditor:		-93
	Charles G. Brackett,	0.7
	Edward I Stewart	93

Voted, that all officers not elected by ballot be appointed by the selectmen.

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ART. 4. To vote "Yes" or "No" to the question: Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?

Whole number of ballots cast, 141-Yes, 52; No, 89.

Edward J. Stewart,

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ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen and posted according to law.

### Revised and accepted list of jurors as follows:

FRANCIS O. PHILLIPS, FRANCIS H. DANIELS, HORATIO JONES, CHARLES F. SPENCER, CALEB S. WILLIAMS, WALTER H. ANDREWS, CHARLES E. DRAPER, FRED H. HOLLAND.

GEO. P. SIMMONS, EVAN F. RICHARDSON, GEO. R. HILL, LOUIS LACROIX, JONATHAN C. STANDLEY. EDMUND N. CLARK, WALTER R. MORSE,

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1893.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present and current year, and to give notes of the town therefor; and the debts incurred under authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town expenses for the year ensuing.

Voted to grant \$15,160.

### Appropriated as follows:

Debt and Intere	est .	4				0.7			4		\$5,200	00
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Street Lights .	5			a		4	4				1,250	00
Public Library	4				-				10		100	00
Cemetery				4	4.					į.	50	00
Memorial .											60	00
Hydrant Service											600	00
											\$15,160	00

On motion of E. J. Stewart for a correction of records of April 18, 1892, Voted, that the town make a contract with the Millis Water Co. for not less than twenty hydrants at a

rental of fifty dollars per hydrant per year for a terry of ten years, and that this contract be made in writin. It could signed by both parties, and that at any time the to comman have the right to increase the number of hydrants fro rata.

Art. 8. In see what compar at a first which as well a taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted to allow the ollector of taxe one per eat fir collecting.

ART. 9. To see what disposition the town will make of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses.

Voted to appropriate the money refinded by the courty in account of dog licenses, to the use of the public library.

Akt 10. To see if the town will grant a sime to the per to see and maintenance of the public library.

Voted to appropriate \$101 to be expended by the trustees.

ART, 11. To see what sum the town will grant for the expenses of Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate \$60; that the appropriation for Memorial Day be expended by George R. Hill.

Aki. 12. To see if the town all grant i in fill and in repair of the cemetery.

Voted to appropriate \$57. Voted that the appropriation for the cemetery be in charge of Moses Ri Landson.

ARI. 13 To see if the town wal make process to the act. The superintendent of schools.

Voted that the school committee be autilitized to fraw on their appropriation for a sum not exceeding Size for the salary of the superintendent of schools.

ART. 14. To see if the town will cause a reservoir to be built near the chapel at Rockville, for fire purposes, at i appropriate to the visit of the chapel at relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate \$175 to build a reservoir in R. Javile and the matter of location be left in the hands of the freengineers. Voted that the appropriation by expended under direction of the fire engineers.

Aki is To see if the town will purchase one thousand but of two and operated menty for same, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate \$600 for purchase of fire hose to be expended by the fire engineers.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, April 17, 1803, at 7 30 o'clock.

Louis Ly Croix, Then Chik

Proceedings of adjourned meeting, April 17, 1893.

At 10. The self-the town will be optithe by laws as revised and presented by the selectmen and committee.

Laid on table until later in evening.

Voted that the by-laws leareferred back to the committee with power to employ counsel.

All 1" To see if the fown will rect a scheotherise on land purchase, if I are A. H. of eye is not in any matter relating their to.

Voted, 37 Yes, 34 No, to erect a schoolhouse on land purchased of Lura A. Huntley.

Voted, that a building committee be appointed to consider the matter and report with plans at some future meeting.

Thomas Harding, Charles LaCroix, Henry I. Miltis, James H. Haines, Edward J. Stewart were appointed as committee.

Voted, that the committee report at the next annual meeting,

Meeting dissolved

Louis Lacroix,

Town Clerk

# SECOND TOWN MEETING. J 13 17. 179.

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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Unanimously elected, Geo C. Thrushor as mover for the qualified before the town clerk.

ART. 2. To sell the town will a total list of the town will a total list of the town will be to the total list of the town meaning held April 12. In a most of the forests to a more or taken to the total action relative thereto.

Voted, that the town treasurer he at he is hereby with rized to borrow when so directed by the selectmen, the sum if five thousand (\$5,000 dollars, paving therefor a rate of neterest not exceeding per cent. per annual and are therefor the note or notes of the town, is armal the late at the time when said note or notes are issued, signed by the treasurer, and countersigned by a majority at least if the Selectmen, the said sum to be applied to the gayment of the debt and interest for which an appropriation was note at a

town meeting held April 10, 1803, instead of raising the same by taxation. Such indebtedness shall be made payable in such annual proportionate payments as will extinguish the same within five years from the date of delivery of said notes.

ART. 3. To hear the report of any committee.

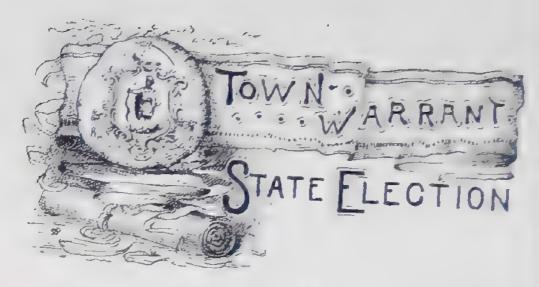
Passed.

Adjourned.

Louis LaCroix,

Town Clerk.





Nov. 7, 1393.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

To J. Clarence Thorne, Constable of the Town of Millis.

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Governor of the Commonwealth,
Lieutenant Governor,
Councillor for Second Councillor District.
Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Treasurer, and Receiver General.
Auditor of the Commonwealth.
Attorney-General.

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Representative to the General Court for the Ninth Norfolk Representation District,

County Commissioner for Norfolk County,

Register of Probate me insolveney

Amendment to the Constitution. Shall the proposed an ordine at terms, constitution relative to the payment of independent from the Country Cou

All of said votes to be on one ballot. The polls will be grand at right and the foreneous and kept open until two o'clock in the atternood

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, teach of the churches and Post Offices in said town, seven days at least office the time to holding out mortion.

Hereof fait not, and make one return of this warrant, with your dom's to on to the selectmen, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

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Evan F. Richardson, and Geo. C. Thi sher, billot clerks, Geo. F. Holbrook and Frank F. Cook, epaties, were quilited before the town clerk.

The polls were closed at four o'clock p. m.

The billot bex registered 185 - 188 names were checked on the list as laving voted. 188 ballots were found in the box.

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Result of the vote cast November 7, 1803, in the Ninth Norfolk Representative District, for one Representative to the General Court:

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Augustus L. Ware was elected moderator and prairie the fore the town clerk.

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A set of By-Laws presented by the committee was real for the town clerk. On motion of E. J. Stewart, a tell that the By-Laws, as presented by the committee, be printed at a retributed to voters of the town for their consideration, and action at the next annual meeting.

ART. 3. To adopt By Later of the first the discourse of the terms.

Voted to refer Article 3 to the annual meeting.

Akt. 4. To see if the lown will a sproke that the lower of the act of the consoft the act to a conservation of the consortions at the probability of the conservations at the

Voted unanimously that the town do adopt the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1890.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will determine what officers, not required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall be so chosen, also the number and terms of such officers.

Voted to choose only such officers by ballot as towns are required by law to choose, by ballot, at their annual meetings.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will determine the number and terms of the following named officers, Selectme. A sect Overseers of the Poor, Selectme Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, Collector of Taxes, Auditors and Constables.

Voted, Selectmen be three and serve one year; Assessors be three and serve one year; Overseers of the Poor be three and serve and serve one year; School Committee be three and serve three years; Trustees of Public Library le three and serve three years; Collector of Taxes be one in serve one year; Auditor be one and serve one year. Constables be two and serve one year.

Louis La Croix.



# VITAL STATISTICS

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## For the Year 1893-94.



HE Treasurer of the Town of Millis, hereby submits his annual report for the financial year ending February 24, 1894.

OSGOOD T. DEAN, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Millis, Marie

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Balance
Peddler's license
Cemetery sale of lots
Millis Savings Bank, demand Loan
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Respectfully submitted,

GIOLGI C. TIKASHIR,

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To the Interior of Main :



HE first work that was called to the attention of the selectmen was rebuilding Plain street and building Lavender street. Plain street was contracted to J. H. Thorne to build street and side-

walk for \$475. Mr. The rise lengths we the same street was built according to that a rise with we street ing walls and building railings, so that we were exceed the appropriation \$55.40.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated to build Lavender street; \$292.81 was expended, but the street is to be ingle-completed.

The sum of \$150 was appropriated for repairing Curve street; \$6.15 was expendent on I mail it in the dition.

#### BRIDGES

The selectmen were obliged to rebuild the Baltimore bridge in Rockville at an expense of \$287.14.

Lovell's bridge was replanked with hard pine planks at an expense of \$30.30. This leaves the bridges in good repair, in I but little expense will be required for ridges the coming year

On a count of the large amount of snow the past season, we have been obliged to exceed the appropriation by \$338,13, as only \$100 was appropriated, this being an expense that annot be avoided.

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### Financial Statement of Selectmen.

SPECIAL GRANTS, RECEIPTS, AND EXPEND PERES.

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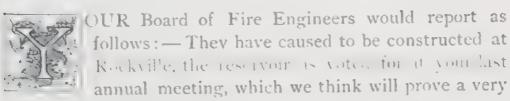
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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millis:



judicious expenditure of money, protecting as it does a number of valuable buildings.

We have also purchased for the town the new hose which was voted and a grant made for, together with such fixtures as were necessary to make connections with either the hydrants or the engines.

We have caused the engine house to be lighted by electricity the greater part of the year, and have allowed the heating and lighting of a small room for the use of the members of the fire department during the winter evenings.

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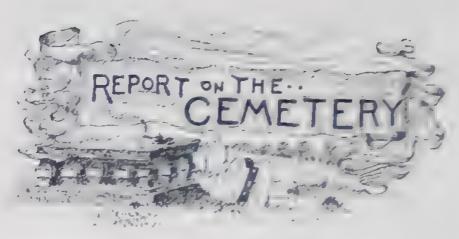
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Millis. February 24, 1804

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis:

N presenting their annual report, your committee wish first of all to express their regret that they have not been able to keep within the amount appropriated for schools at the last annual meeting. Last year we were able to cover into the treasury more than \$500. This year we have expended \$189.29 above the amount appropriated. A careful examination of the financial part of our report will afford the requisite explanation. The amount received from the State School Fund is a variable quantity. This year it was upwards of \$45.00 less than last year. Owing reatly to the inclement season our expense for fuel has been \$38.00 above the usual requirement. A comparison with last year of the list under General Incidentals will show that there has been an excess this year of more than \$260.00.

This excess is accounted for by the necessary expenditures for repairs on Adams School building, furnishing the new school room in the Grange building and necessary additional heating apparatus. These extras, most of which were not foreseen by your committee, and therefore were not reckoned in the estimates presented last year, taken in connection with

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Parents and guardians therefore should cooperate with superintendent and teachers and school committee, in giving efficacy to ail the means employed and afforded for the education of their children. This matter has been considered of so much importance that by legal enactment the State compels all parents and guardians to give their cooperation in some most essential points by making a failure to do so a misdemeanor subject to penalty. As witness the following:

SECTION 1. [As amended by chap. 464, Acts of 1889, and chap. 384 of 1890.] Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of a school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of it. I all the transfer of the contract of the co to be taught in the public schools, or has learning required by law to be taught in the publications and the state of the stat practicable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

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SECT. 3. The truant officers and the school committee of the several cities and towns shall vigilantly inquire into all cases of neglect of the duty prescribed in section one, and ascertain the reasons, if any, therefor; and such truant officers, or any of them, shall, when so directed by the school committee, prosecute, in the name of the city or town, any person liable to the penalty provided for in said section. Police, district and municipal courts, trial

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which at stated times are furnished for the parents' inspection. These will show the standing of the pupil, whether he is making the proper progress in his studies or otherwise, and if his deportment is commendable. Timely commendation for good conduct and reproof for negligence and misconduct at the home will do much to aid in the work and conduct at school. Besides, as advancement from grade to grade is based largely upon these reports, disappointment and fault-finding at the time of advancement will be avoided. For the well-being of the child no wise parent or guardian will wish advancement when there is lack of previous accomplishment and a consequent incompetency to sustain the advanced position of scholarship.

Further in respect to this need of co-operation your committee would call careful attention to the statute requirements in the above sections so far as they refer to the duties and ligations of school committee, superintendent and truant officers. Notice these statutes are not simply permissive as to action but mandatory. In other words they require duties to be performed and do not simply give advice as to what may or may not be done.

#### TEACHERS.

There has been less of change during the past year to the great advantage of the schools. Your committee much to their regret were compelled to part with, Mr. Robert S. Atkins about the middle of the Fall Term. Most gladly would we have retained his valuable services had we been able. He is now occupying one of the most prominent positions among the grammar schools of the State. We were fortunate in securing at once Mr. C. W. M. Blanchard, who by education, training in normal school at Bridgewater, and several years experience in teaching, is in every respect well furnished for his position. Miss Ella J. Brown after five terms of faithful and unknows service resigned her position at

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

# To the School Committee of Millis:

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor of submitting to you my third annual report of the public schools of Millis.

The year has, on the whole, been uneventful. The methods of work set forth in the previous reports have been adhered to as closely as possible, and wherever weakness has been manifested improvement has been attempted.

The course of study, prepared for the District, and adopted in 1832, has come into operation throughout the different grades, and the work has been rendered more systematic and uniform thereby.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

The furnishing of four of the six grammar grades with masterpieces of literature for supplementary realing has proved so successful that I feel no hesitation in recommending that the remaining grades be supplied at once with reading matter of a similar nature.

The child entering the fourth year of school, the first year of the grammar grades, now reads with considerable facility; he has practically mastered the mechanical details of the art. From this time onward, the books furnished him should be such as have a permanent literary and educational value. The ordinary school reader, with its miscellaneous assortment of disconnected, unrelated magments, lamentably fails to supply this want. Reading the brief, scrappy extracts, even if their sources be worthy ones, which necessarily have no beginning and no end, which afford no view of the piece of

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# TOPICAL METHOD OF TEACHING.

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the pupil, in his own words, of the knowledge he has gained concerning the points under discussion. While this recitation may not rival in brilliancy of rhetoric or in grammatical accuracy any given text-book's presentation of the subject, it possesses the great advantage of teaching him to distinguish important from unimportant particulars, and of affording him a most valuable training in the use of idiomatic English.

Recitations "in the words of the book" are still to be heard, indeed. The habits of years are not overcome in a term or in a year, but the spectacle of a child brought to a full stop in his recitation from uncertainty whether the next word is "large" or "great," and being utterly unable to continue until the teacher has supplied the identical word used by "the book," is fortunately rare. Let us hope that time and constant effort will ultimately render it unknown.

#### SPELLING.

In teaching spelling an innovation has been recently introduced from which excellent results are expected.

A list of words, selected from the spelling book, or occurring in the daily work, is dictated by the teacher to the class. After consulting the dictionary each pupil writes, in a book supplied him for the purpose, the words dictated, each with its proper definition, and a sentence illustrating the use of the word, in the sense in which it is defined.

The books are duly examined and the work corrected, the corrected exercise of one day, serving as a basis for an oral recitation on the next.

This is a most excellent exercise, involving nice discrimination between different words, and between different uses of the same word, as well as teaching the simple art of spelling, and affording practice in penmanship. A simpler and more satisfactory guide to the use of correct English could hardly be devised.

An important improvement in our school system has been made by

# REMOVING THE FIRST GRADE PRIMARY PUPILS

from the Adams shool to the new room of the recently erected by the Millis Grange.

The overcrowdell Adams Primary Department, relief 1892 by removing the fourth and firth make the second room, was again, at the opening of the fall tone; a congested state, its pupils exceeding fifty in number.

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But another hinderance to the progress of the school, more serious even than excessive numbers, was to be found in the number of grades which it contained; viz., three.

The teacher of a single primary grade has no sinecure. There is no work requiring closer, more unremitting attention than this, and the good teacher who finds time hang he wily on her hands, or who can even accomplish, satisfactorily to herselt, in the hours of school, the work which is really inchs pensable, is the exception, not the rule. If this be true of a single grade, what can be expected of the unfortunite teacher of three?

Section 14, chap. 236 of the Acts of 1886 provides that :-

"In every public school having an average of fifty scholars, the school district or town to which such school belongs, shall employ one or more female assistants, unless such district or town votes to dispense with such assistant."

The excessive numbers of pupils and the multiplicity of grades rendered the subdivision of the Adams' Primary School expedient and economical, the statute quoted above rendered it imperative.

## SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

While our schools may justly be said to be in a good condition, and to be steadily improving in many respects, they are by no means perfect. A most important part of the duty of the superintendent consists, therefore, in offering to the committee, the parents, and citizens in general suggestions looking to improvement and increased efficiency in school work. In this connection

THE AGE AT WHICH CHILDREN SHALL BE ADMITTED TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

is important.

The school committee is, by statute, empowered and required to secure the attendance of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years upon some approved school for at least thirty weeks of every year. The committee may, also, in its discretion, admit of them to school before they are eight years of age, but in such cases, cannot compel regular attendance.

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#### NEED OF INCREASED SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

While realizing fully the financial stringency now affecting alike individuals, communities and nations, and while appreciating the necessity for the strictest economy in all expenditures, I cannot, in justice to the fourth and fifth, and the sixth and seventh grammar grades, still quartered in the Adams building cloak rooms, refrain from calling the attention of the townspeople to the utter inadequacy of their present in commodations, and to the unchanged timeliness and pertinency of the suggestions of the reports of 1891 and 1892, in this respect.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The public library, like the public school, is a part of our educational system. Valuable in itself as a means of education, it becomes doubly useful when supplementing the work of the school with its store of science, art and literature.

To extend the usefulness of the library by increasing the circulation of its volumes, as well as to secure to our pupils the advantage of its large supply of supplementary material, I would suggest to the trustees the advisability of:

- 1. Reducing the age at which minors, furnishing a satisfactory guarantee that any loss or damage caused by them will be made good, may take out books, to nine years.
- 2. Allowing each teacher in the public schools the privilege of drawing books for use in schools, the number of volumes in one teacher's possession at any given time not to exceed ten.
- 3. Granting the teachers, so far as possible, free access to the library shelves, that they may familiarize themselves with their contents.

In this way teachers will be enabled to increase the efficiency of their instruction, and to suggest courses of reading for general use, as well as others particularly suited to the needs of individual pupil, the combat and the state usefulness to their ally in the same and a suppose public library.

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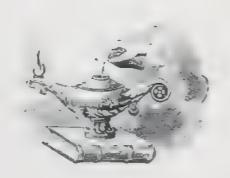
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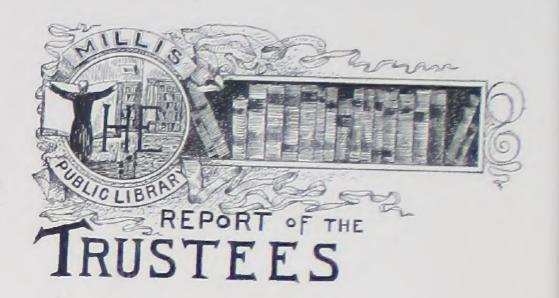
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